

## OPERATIONS CENTER/CURRENT SUPPORT GROUP

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## Intelligence Bulletin

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Item #1

BRITISH BOMBER REPORTED INTERCEPTED OVER BRAZIL  
RIO DE JANEIRO, JUNE 3 - A BRITISH AIR FORCE  
VULCAN BOMBER WAS INTERCEPTED IN BRAZILIAN AIR  
SPACE AND FORCED TO LAND AT RIO DE JANEIRO  
MILITARY AIR BASE, MILITARY SOURCES SAID.

THE VULCAN WAS INTERCEPTED BY TWO BRAZILIAN  
AIR FORCE MIRAGES, THEY SAID.

VULCANS, FLYING FROM THE ATLANTIC ISLAND OF  
ASCENSION AND REFUELLING IN MID-AIR, HAVE BEEN  
USED TO BOMB ARGENTINE POSITIONS ON THE  
FALKLANDS.

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RIO DE JANEIRO --(DJ)--BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE JETS  
INTERCEPTED A BRITISH WARPLANE AND ESCORTED IT TO THE LOCAL  
AIR BASE, AIR FORCE OFFICIALS SAID THURSDAY.

AIR FORCE COL. UBIRAJARA CRUZ TOLD THE ASSOCIATED  
PRESS BY TELEPHONE THAT +WE DON+T KNOW IF THE PLANE WAS  
FORCED DOWN OR IF IT MADE AN EMERGENCY LANDING.+

CRUZ CONFIRMED THAT TWO BRAZILIAN MIRAGE JETS  
INTERCEPTED THE BRITISH PLANE AT 11:15 A.M. LOCAL TIME  
(1415GMT). HE SAID THIS PROCEDURE OCCURS +WHEN A PLANE  
VIOLATES BRAZILIAN AIR SPACE, WHEN IT GOES OFF COURSE OR  
WHEN IT COMMUNICATES MECHANICAL TROUBLES TO THE LOCAL  
CONTROL TOWER AND IS ESCORTED IN.+

A CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT  
THE AIRPORT HAD +NOT RECEIVED ANY REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY  
LANDING ALL MORNING.+

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAID THE BRITISH PLANE WAS A  
VULCAN BOMBER, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE ENGLISH TASK FORCE  
INVOLVED IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DISPUTE WITH ARGENTINA.

THE AIR FORCE BASE WAS CLOSED OFF TO THE PRESS  
THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

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